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Title:	MOLECULES INHIBITING HEPATITIS C VIRUS PROTEIN SYNTHESIS AND METHOD FOR SCREENING SAME		

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Response to Restriction Requirement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.142

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on June 4, 2007, in connection with the above-identified U.S. patent application. The one-month period for response expired on July 4, 2007; that being a federal holiday, this response is timely filed.

Claims 1-7, 11 and 13-15 were presented at the time of filing and are currently pending in the application. The Action of June 4, 2007 requires election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 among four groups of claims:

Group I (claims 1-7), drawn to a method for screening molecules for inhibition of binding between the eIF3 protein and an HCV IRES sequence;

Group II (claim 11), drawn to a composition comprising an antisense oligonucleotide complementary to SEQ ID NO:3;


Group III (claim(s) 13 and 14, drawn to methods of treating viral infections using an aminoglycoside;

Group IV (claim 15), drawn to a method of treating an HCV infection with an antisense oligonucleotide complementary to SEQ ID NO:3.

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (claims 1-7). The election is made without traverse and without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claim in an additional application.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Attorney at the telephone number given below if any further questions arise in connection with this Application.

Respectfully submitted,


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